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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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PARIS FOR MELONE

1. VOLTAN AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU CANCELLED APPOINTMENT WITH
ASST SECY EASUM SCHEDULED FOR JAN 6 (REF C). HOWEVER,
IN TELCON WITH EASUM JAN 5, YAGUIBOU SAID WOULD SEND LIST
JUST RECEIVED FROM DAKOURE OF ARMS NEEDED BY VOLTANS.
SAID HE HAD JUST TALKED BY PHONE WITH DAKOURE AND PRES-
IDENT LAMIZANA, HAD NO INFORMATION ON QUADRIPARTITE COM-
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MISSION MEDIATION EFFORT, BUT THAT MALIANS WERE USING

MOPTI AS MILITARY HEADQUARTERS FOR THIS OPERATION, WERE BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES THERE AND HAD CLOSED CITY TO ALL NON-MILITARY TRAFFIC.

2. ABOVE-MENTIONED LIST WAS DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT (AF/W) JAN 8. INCLUDES TWO ALOUETTE III HELICOPTERS OR EQUIVALENT EQUIPPED WITH ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND 2,000 ROCKETS, 4,000 RIFLES (M-16 TYPE), 1,500 MACHINE PISTOLS, 30 ROCKET LAUNCHERS (ANTI-TANK), 8,000 HAND GRENADES, 10,000 RIFLE GRENADES, 6.5 MILLION ROUNDS SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, 5,000 ROUNDS MORTAR AMMO VARIOUS SIZES, 1,000 ANTI-TANK MINES AND CONSIDERABLE VARIETY ADDITIONAL ARMS, AMMO AND NON-LETHAL MATERIEL. (COPY OF LIST BEING

POUCHED OUAGADOUGOU AND BAMAKO.)

3. YAGUIBOU SAID THAT, AS MINIMUM REQUEST, GOUV WOULD PAY CASH FOR NON-LETHAL MATERIEL PRESENTED TO US EARLIER (REF A), CASH FOR "SMALL-ITEM" LETHAL MATERIEL AND WOULD SEEK CREDIT FOR LARGER ITEMS, SUCH AS HELICOPTERS. YAGUIBOU MADE NO MENTION OF ARMORED VEHICLES (HEADING "LIGHT ARMORED COMBAT VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH GUNS AND MACHINE GUNS" APPEARS ON LIST GIVEN US, BUT REMAINDER OF TEXT CUT OFF AT BOTTOM OF PAGE). YAGUIBOU SAID THERE NO CHANCE OF GETTING ANYTHING FROM FRANCE, IMPLYING UPPER VOLTA DOES NOT EVEN WISH ASK FRANCE FOR HELP. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF SEEKING THESE ITEMS ELSEWHERE.

4. YAGUIBOU'S MOST URGENT REQUEST FOR FOR PILOT TRAINING; SAID HE AWARE SOME MILITARY PILOT TRAINING GIVEN AFRICANS IN PAST. SAID GOUV URGENTLY NEEDED TRAINING FOR HANDFUL VOLTANS TO ENABLE THEM PILOT TURBO-PROPS AND OTHER AIRCRAFT MORE ADVANCED THAN C-47 AND CESSNA. FOR LATTER TWO AIRCRAFT THERE ONLY ONE OR TWO VOLTANS CURRENTLY QUALIFIED. SAID VOLTANS WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO INTO TRAINING IMMEDIATELY.

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